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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE TRADEMARK

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- 1. PRESS REPORTS "SURPRISE" ANNOUNCEMENT BY WCI CANADA LTD. THAT WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP. OF PITTSBURGH HAS ASSIGNED TO IT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977, ALL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN WESTINGHOUSE TRADEMARK AND TRADE NAME FOR MAJOR APPLIANCES IN CANADA. WCI HAD PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR REGISTERED USER STATUS IN CANADA BUT CANADIAN APPLIANCE MANUFACTURING CO. (CAMCO) HAD CHALLENGED WCI'S RIGHT TO USE TRADEMARK SINCE IT HAD PURCHASED WESTINGHOUSE CANADA'S PLANT AND INVENTORY. IF PRESS REPORT IS TRUE, WCI CANADA IS NOW OUTRIGHT OWNER OF NAME AND TRADEMARK.
- 2. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS OFFICIAL (METCALFE) CONFIRMED THAT WCI HAS WITHDRAWN ITS FEDERAL COURT ACTION THAT OPPOSED CAMCO'S INTERVENTION WITH REGISTRAR OF TRADEMARKS, BUT SAID THAT NO NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN TRADEMARK'S OWNERSHIP HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED, AND EVEN IF IT CAME THIS WEEK, HE WAS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT PROCESSING AND RECORDING OF TRADEMARK WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY JULY 1, 1977, DATE ON WHICH WCI HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ANNOUNCED IT PLANS BEGIN MARKETING OF WCI-WESTINGHOUSE APPLIANCES.

3. METCALFE SPECULATED THAT THERE IS PROBABLY MORE BEHIND MOVE THAN REPORTED IN PRESS AND THAT BEHIND-THE-SCENES AGREEMENT MOST LIKELY REACHED BETWEEN WCI, WESTINGHOUSE AND CAMCO. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, IF WCI NOW OWNS

TRADE NAME AND TRADEMARK, REGISTRAR WILL PROBABLY PROCESS AND RECORD CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP ALTHOUGH UNTIL THIS IS DONE, THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY OF CHALLENGE. ENDERS

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